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RHINESMITH

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1. CAO ACCOMPANIED AFS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT STEPHEN
RHINESMITH ON VISITS TO MIN ED NOVEMBER 16 AND CYO
NOVEMBER 17.

2. AT MIN ED RHINESMITH MET WITH SHIRINSKIY CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES; ARYUSHIN, HEAD OF
AMERICAN SECTION; AND SHEVTSOV, RUSSIAN LANGUAGE
SPECIALIST. RHINESMITH PRESENTED PROPOSAL FOR 1977
EXCHANGE OF SIX AMERICAN AND SIX SOVIET SECONDARY
SCHOOL TEACHERS WITH SAME TERMS AS PREVIOUS TWO EXCHANGES,
BUT EXTENDING STAY FROM 8 TO 13 WEEKS. SHIRINSKIY,
COMMENTING THAT PROGRAM GOING WELL OVERALL, MENTIONED
MINOR COMPLAINTS ABOUT ACCOMMODATIONS OF 1975 GROUPS
IN THREE HOMES AND AFS DORMITORY DURING FINAL NEW
YORK SESSION. RHINESMITH REJECTED SUGGESTION OF
FIRST CLASS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS VICE HOME STAYS, BUT
INDICATED WOULD LODGE PARTICIPANTS IN HOTEL FOR NEW
YORK DEBRIEFING. SOVIETS ACCEPTED PROPOSAL WITHOUT
COMMENT, BUT REACTED NEGATIVELY TO RHINESMITH'S TRANS-
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MITTAL OF INVITATIONS BY VISTA CALIFORNIA CLASS TO

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SOVIET CLASS TO SPEND MONTH IN THEIR SCHOOL.
SHIRINSKIY EXPLAINED THAT SOVIET PARENTS WOULDNOT LET
THEIR CHILDREN BE AWAY FROM THE SOVIET CURRICULUM
DURING SCHOOL YEAR.

3. MEETING WITH COMMITTEE OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS
CONSISTED MAINLY OF DESCRIPTION OF SOVIET YOUTH GROUPS
AND CYO'S ROLE AS COORDINATING BODY WITH INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS. FILIPPOV AND IVANOV BRIEFED RHINESMITH
AND PARRIED EACH OF HIS THRUSTS FOR POSSIBLE AFS INTER-
NATIONAL LINK OF EUROPEAN GROUPS WITH SOVIET YOUTH.
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